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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Entry of the amendments in the Amendment and Response filed on May 11, 2004, is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the required fee for a small entity.

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